STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Comprehensive Action Plan for inclusive education of Children and Youth with Disabilities

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, a statement by Shri Arjun Singhji.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): Sir, I seek your permission...(*Interruptions*)

श्री एस॰एस॰ अहलूवालिया (झारखंड): सर, स्टेटमेंट ले करा दीजिए।

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (उत्तरांचल): सर, स्टेटमेंट बहुत लम्बी है, कृपया ले कस दीजिए।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Before that, he wants to say something.

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: Sir, on the last day of the Rajya Sabha Session in the last Session, the hon. members had raised the issue of providing inclusive education to children and youth with disabilities. It was a common desire of Members from all sides of the House, and in response to that wish, I had said that we will try to make a comprehensive Action Plan in this respect for inclusive education, and in consonance with that promise, Sir, I request you, beg of you, to allow me to make this statement, and lay it on the Table of the House because, it is a lengthy statement.

With this submission, I lay this statement on the Table of the House.

SHRI S.S.AHLUWALIA: Sir, I think, it is not only a lengthy statement, but also a very important statement. We will not do due justice to this subject if we seek clarifications right now. We need a thorough discussion on the subject. If the Minister agrees, we will not seek clarifications right now. But we can fix up the time.

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: I would rather welcome it at any time that the hon. Chair fixes.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The time will be fixed in consultation with the Minister. Now, House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11 A.M.

The House then adjourned at fourteen minutes past five of the clock till eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 22nd March, 2005.

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